

It Is Unfortunate Not To Know—But You Are Doubly Unfortunate If You Are Unable To Comprehend That You Do Not Know

PRESIDENT WILL KEEP PUBLIC INFORMED

Prompt Announcement as Soon as Decision is Reached

RETURN SOON TO WASHINGTON

Relations with Germany Will Be Discussed with Members of Cabinet.

Washington, July 14.—The first official announcement of the immediate plans of President Wilson for dealing with the situation that has arisen between Germany and the United States came last night in a telegram from Cornish, N. H., to Secretary Taft, stating that the president would return to the capital soon to lay the entire subject before his cabinet. It indicated that the cabinet had not yet arrived at a decision as to the policy of the government.

The White House statement was as follows: "Referring to statements appearing in certain morning newspapers with reference to the attitude of the president toward the reply of the German government, Secretary Taft, tonight, after receiving the following telegram which he had received from the president, 'Please say that from the moment of the ar-

ival of the official text of the German note I have given the matter the closest attention, keeping constantly in touch with the secretary of state and with every source that would throw light on the situation; that so soon as the secretary of state and I have both maturely considered the situation, I shall go to Washington to get into personal conference with him and with the cabinet and that there will be as prompt an announcement as possible of the purposes of the government."

The statement set at rest reports that the president already had made up his mind on the German reply and that he did not view the situation as seriously as did high officials in Washington. Word from the president was sought by officials at Washington, it is understood, as a result of the spread of varying interpretations of reports from Cornish of the executive's intentions.

Official opinion at Washington continued to regard the situation as grave. Secretary Lansing and other members of the cabinet hold this view, but are giving no intimation of how they think the problem should be dealt with. Mr. Lansing and his assistants have been canvassing the entire field of law and policy presented by the German note and the president already has received some of the memoranda bearing on important points.

Last night's statement from the White House made it apparent that the president had definitely abandoned the idea of summoning Mr. Lansing to the summer capital. This program conforms to the secretary's desire to study the problem carefully and form his own conclusions before exchanging views with the president. It is assumed, however, that Mr. Wilson will return to Washington the last of the week and that the subject will be laid before the cabinet next Tuesday.

BAND WILL PLAY TONIGHT

Program for Concert at Cottage Hotel This Evening.

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One Step—"Back to the Carolina You Love" Schulz
Characteristic Mel.—Muttering Fritz
Mazurka—Russe—La Czarine Garne
Selection—"The Girl of My Dreams" Hoschua
March—American Cadet Hall
The Star Spangled Banner

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GOLD MEDAL FLOUR

AUSTRIANS FALL BACK TO OBTAIN FOOD FOR ARMY

Reinforcements Useless After Loss of Supply Base

RUSSIAN ADVANCE GOES ON

Council of War Reported to Have Resulted in Disagreement of High Austrian Officers.

Geneva, Switzerland, July 13.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Innsbruck says:

"Archduke Joseph Ferdinand is expected today at Cracow to preside over a war council."

"If within the next few days the Austrians cannot stop the victorious Russian advance the whole front must retreat. Since the loss of the position south of Lublin the retreating of the armies has become impossible. Large Austrian reinforcements have been hurried to the Province of Lublin, but the Russians, though fighting against superior forces, continue to advance."

"The Austrians have been returning to Galicia since July 10 and are now at Wrazay. The Russians defeated the Austrians at Zamosc and surrounded and captured two Hungarian battalions."

"It is reported from Lemberg that an important council of war was held there July 10, and that as a result of it a number of superior officers were disgraced."

Petrograd, July 13.—The Russians in their series of successes against Archduke Joseph Ferdinand's army immediately east of the Vistula have not allowed themselves to be tempted too far southward.

Having pursued the retreating Austrians almost to the Wyzulka River, the Russian forces have now reoccupied their old positions north of the Wyzulka River. It would have been foolish to allow the retreating Austrians to draw any considerable bodies of Russians much farther south so long as General von Mackensen's picked divisions remained unbroken to the east.

Apparently the present stage of the Galician adventure is one of quietness pending rearrangement of the German line.

AIR FIGHTERS BUSY

Rumors That They Will Bombard Gun Factory at Essen.

London, July 14.—A dispatch from Paris says that a large number of French aviators have made a reconnoitering flight over Essen, it is rumored with the purpose of bombarding the big Krupp gun factory.

Rome, July 14.—Italian airmen are reported to have bombarded the arsenal at Gorizia and caused much damage.

END OF THAW CASE

Will Probably Know His Fate This Evening.

Harry K. Thaw will know by tonight whether he is to be returned to Matteawan as an incurable lunatic or to receive his liberty as the outcome of his nine years' fight to prove that he is sane and not a menace to the community.

The State closed its case yesterday afternoon after calling two more witnesses, and Thaw's lawyers announced that the evidence to be submitted in rebuttal would take up only a few minutes this morning. Then the attorneys will sum up and the case will be in the hands of the jury.

Thaw and his lawyers expect the jury to bring in a verdict of "sane" without long delay. Justice Hendrick has the power to disregard any verdict by the jury if he sees fit, and therefore Thaw's fate will be in doubt until the Justice has made known his decision after hearing what the jury has to say. Should Justice Hendrick decide that Thaw is sane the State will at once take an appeal. Then application will be made on behalf of Thaw for bail pending the decision of the higher courts.

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THREE NEW TRUSTEES

Annual Meeting of the Soldiers Home Board Today.

The annual meeting of the trustees of the Soldiers Home was held today with the largest attendance in several years. The trustees present were Hugh Henry of Chester, Former Governor E. J. Ormsbee of Brandon, John L. Moseley of Northfield, N. F. Dunsmuir of Bristol, Seymour H. Wood of St. Albans, George W. Bridgman of Hardwick, Henry T. Cushman of North Bennington, Charles E. Beach of Burlington, H. C. Stroeter of Brattleboro, Henry O. Carpenter of Rutland and P. S. Chamberlain of Bradford.

There has been three deaths among the members of the trustees during the past year, Governor U. A. Woodbury of Burlington, Governor John G. McCullough of Bennington and Gen. Levi G. Kinsley of Rutland. The vacancies were filled by the election of C. D. Williams of Burlington, Hall E. McCullough of North Bennington and George W. Kinney of Rutland.

High Henry was elected president, Charles E. Beach, treasurer, E. J. Ormsbee secretary, H. T. Cushman auditor, Dr. L. H. Ross, surgeon and Rev. P. L. Dow, chaplain. Col. Thomas Hannon as superintendent and Mrs. Hannon as matron continue in office by permanent appointment.

The Home has been successfully operated the past year inside the appropriation. The present registration of veteran inmates is 68.

At one o'clock Col. Hannon served his annual dinner to the board of trustees and a few guests including the wives of several of the trustees present.

GERMANS USE BIG GUNS

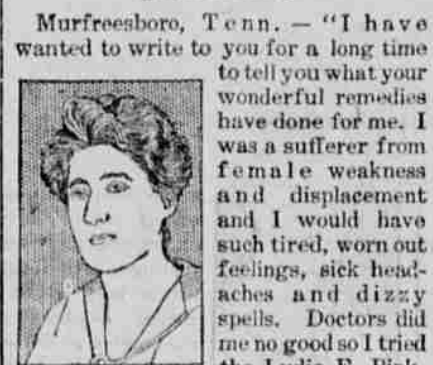
Shells Have Set Fires in Arras and Soissons.

Paris, July 14.—Arras and Soissons are being bombarded by the German heavy artillery and the shells have set a number of fires in the towns. It is apparently the determination of the Germans to complete the destruction of Arras.

The official communique today stated that the British had repulsed a German attack southwest of Pilleule.

MRS. MABEN WAS MADE WELL

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COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE

Estate of ANNA M. RICKERT. The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Bennington, COMMISSIONERS to receive, examine and adjust the claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Anna M. Rickert, late of Bennington, in said district, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesaid, at the office of Henry Chase, in the Village of Bennington, in said District, on the 13th day of January next, from nine o'clock A. M. until four o'clock P. M., on said day, and read and determine the claims of all persons claiming against the estate of Anna M. Rickert, deceased.

Dated at Bennington, this 13th day of July A. D. 1915.

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BENNINGTON CIVIC LEAGUE SMALL TOWN MODEL

Commended By Newspapers and Magazines for Its Enterprise

ORIGINAL FEATURES DESCRIBED

Feature Writers Impressed with the Community Sleigh Ride and the Community Christmas.

Bennington's recreation venture, now no longer a venture but an established feature of community life, is receiving no little attention from metropolitan publications, both from the newspapers and from magazines which have been following the modern tendency toward outdoor life.

A recent issue of the New York Sunday Press, contained a two-column article descriptive of the progress of recreation work that has been made in Bennington. In its introductory paragraph this article stated that the southern Vermont town held a unique position among eastern villages of less than 10,000 population in that it had provided recreational supervision and had thus become affiliated with the Playground Association of America.

The Sunday Press article was illustrated with a two-column portrait of Miss Mathilde Vossler, the recreation instructor, and the larger portion of it takes the form of an interview with that energetic young woman.

"Many youngsters are taking part in their events from the Christmas party for the children," she says. "I had announced that there was to be a party for the children below the fifth grade, and I expected about seventy-five. When the afternoon came and I saw the children pouring in I soon realized that I should have to send out for more fruit and more stockings. About one hundred and fifty came and they had a splendid time. One little boy asked, 'Do we have to wait until Christmas to have another party?' He had only recently come to Bennington else he would have known that we don't believe Christmas is the only time for play and fun."

"In January we had the community sleigh ride, when thirteen hundred children were given a free ride and a bag of candy to help make merry. It was worth all the trouble to see the bright rosy cheeks afterward."

"A community sleigh ride sounds like a novel proceeding, doesn't it? But in Bennington we are strong on the community idea. Our constant aim is to adequately meet the physical and moral needs of all the children and young people and arouse a perfect community spirit among the citizens."

"What institutional features do you have?" Miss Vossler was asked.

"We have an all-year-round programme. In the winter when we are deprived of field days, such as we enjoyed on the Fourth of July, baseball, basketball and all the regular activities of the playground, I conduct gymnasium classes for schoolgirls above the fourth grades, and a gymnasium class for members of the Young Women's Club. There are other organizations also—the Fortnightly Club, a literary society for the married women; a basketball club, first aid to injured county and campfire meetings. The three series of social dancing classes have large registration and have done much to establish a spirit of democratic interest and to promote cosmopolitanism."

The folk dances are taught in the spring and summer months, and three hours a week are devoted to story telling."

Upon inquiries as to sources of financial support it was learned that while the work is done under the auspices of the league the City Council makes a liberal appropriation and other expenses are provided for by private subscription. The enterprise has brought much fame to Bennington, and it has been advertised far and near as a most progressive village. In fact, Miss Vossler declares that it will soon be necessary to have a special secretary of inquiry to answer the many requests that come for information from all parts of the United States and even Uruguay, in South America.

In the July issue of the "Country-side Magazine" is an article entitled "The Year-Round Works of a Little Town Civic League." It is about Bennington, of course, and reads as follows:

Bennington, Vt., is a town of 7500

persons, according to the census of 1910, but it has a hundred-thousand-population, power civic league. Special features of the league's work have already attracted considerable public notice, and if the present promise of the work is fulfilled, it seems likely that it will carry the name of Bennington to all parts of the country. A general outline of the league's activities, and a sketch of some of its more important recent undertakings will be given in this article.

The work of the civic league is roughly divided into four sections: School, social, outdoor, and special activity. These, of course, overlap in certain instances, but each of them has a definite reason and a definite schedule. Athletic and social work continues throughout the year under the direction of Mathilde Vossler, supervisor of recreation. Miss Vossler, by the way, is the only year-round salaried person connected with the league.

The school section of the league is designed to provide the organized play and athletics for girls. After school supervision is furnished, and this instruction places the emphasis on vigorous and natural forms of recreation. Many folk-dances, which particularly answer these requirements, are taught to classes which include pupils from the high, grade and parochial schools.

Under the social section, the activities are more varied. Folk dancing and recreation athletics for girls have a place here also, but it is a comparatively small place. About a year ago a successful community center for young people was established under this section. The young women's club rooms were opened six evenings in the week for various purposes, which included glee club meetings, instruction in cooking, sewing and millinery, folk dancing, informal lectures and dancing and dancing alone.

The out-door section undertakes to provide organized play and athletics for boys and girls, young men and young women during all seasons of the year when the weather conditions permit. This means winter and summer and as much of the fall and spring as possible. During the winter of 1913-1914, the board of trade, the Y M C A and a generous-spirited citizen combined with the league to start an open-air skating rink. There were five weeks of good skating and only an unexpected thaw prevented a big community event from being held on the rink.

The civic league has a well equipped playground which is operated for all the children of every age. The local organization of the Camp Fire girls have become affiliated with the league through the outdoor badge tests as outlined by the Playgroup and Recreation association of America used by the league to establish individual standards of physical efficiency. These tests are also a means of affiliating the Bennington boys and girls with playground children throughout the country.

The social-event section of the league's work covers a great many gatherings and celebrations, which have been the means not only of bringing all the members of the community together but of spreading a spirit of fellowship and good will. For the most part, these celebrations have marked some holiday or some athletic event, and yet one of the events that attracted the greatest amount of attention was a community sleigh-ride of which more will be said later on.

The community Christmas tree is not a new thing in Bennington for they had one in 1913 which drew an attendance of 3000 out of a total population of 7500, but last year even Bennington out-did itself. Stress of conditions brought upon by the European war was felt in Bennington and this, perhaps more than anything else, did much to bring the people together, although it would not be fair not to give credit to the growing feeling of fellowship which has been fostered by the league.

Anyhow, Arthur E. Hollister, president of the village of Bennington sent out a Christmas proclamation in which he invited everybody to the tree and said: "In Bennington this year we have special cause to remember the Nativity, and to celebrate its inauguration of brotherly love with carols of praise. In a time of great strife and bloodshed, when the significance of Christmas is banished from half the earth, we have found it in abundance in our community, and have reached hands of helpfulness across the sea to those in distress. To all our number for whom Christmas held no promise of happiness we are bringing Christmas cheer. Churches, fraternal organizations, and those of no creed or affiliation, are bound closer together in Bennington this year than ever before, through this Spirit of Christmas."

"It is fitting that at this time we express our common joy for what we have, and what we could give by uniting in songs of thanksgiving."

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ELIMINATE VILLA IN INTERESTS OF PEACE

Generals Urge Him to Retire in Favor of Robles

PUT BURDEN ON CARRANZA

Villa to Have a Part in the Reorganizing of the Disunited Factions.

El Paso, July 13.—Pressure is being brought to bear upon Villa by practically all of his commanders except Pardo to relinquish his position as Commander-in-Chief of the Forces of the North in favor of Jose Isabel Robles, former Villa Commander in the State of Coahuila and Minister of War in the Cabinet of Eulalio Gutierrez. This message was brought to the border today by a confidential messenger from the Villa Generals who have prepared a round robin to be presented to Villa, a copy of which was brought for General Robles, who is now hiding in the city.

The plan, which has for its ultimate aim the restoring of peace between the Villa faction and the Carranza, or Constitutional Party, is to have Villa retire with the understanding that he is to figure prominently in the councils of the reunited party, but is to be eliminated from the present negotiations. Robles is to take the field at the head of Villa's forces, and put the issue of peace squarely up to Carranza with the promise of co-operation of all his Generals in restoring order in the North. General Robles could not be found tonight, but the report has been confirmed from a number of Villa sources and is being generally discussed along the border tonight.

Teodoro Kyrinopolis, a friend and financial adviser of Villa, returned from the front today with the news that Villa had asked for one more opportunity to defeat the Carranza forces before he was deposed.

General Jacinto Trevino, the Carranza leader, is reported advancing on Torreon with 8,000 men. General Manuel Banda, a Villa commander, who has been in Juarez, has been recalled to lead a force against Trevino.



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